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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Examiner: Mary C. Hoffman

Edward Draper Group Art Unit: 3733

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TITLE: BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED

JOINT LOAD CONTROL DEVICE

Date: January 17, 2008

RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated January 8, 2008 which set a thirty day period for response. As was required by the January 2008 Office action, it is believed that the claims have been provided with the proper identifiers.

The Applicant wishes to again thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview held on September 18, 2007. During the September 18, 2007 interview, the Applicant discussed the prior art with the Examiner and the Examiner agreed to contact the undersigned ((310) 734-3274) prior to issuing a next Office action.